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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 656

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 11, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Nebraska residents, like most of the country, are facing a crisis in the availability and affordability of health care. LB 656, the Health Care Accessibility and Affordability Act, creates the Health Care Plan Advisory Council. This council would be made up of members of the Legislature and representatives from health care, business, insurers, consumers, and consumer advocates. The council is charged with developing recommendations for a comprehensive plan which would include such things as; the provision of health insurance to all residents of Nebraska, encouraging healthy lifestyles among Nebraskans, encouraging health care providers to practice in underserved areas, reducing unnecessary health costs, promoting patient safety, and establishing a statewide health information system.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator John Harms